

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Status Of The Claims and Support For The Amendment

Claims 1-120 have been canceled and new claims 121-168 have been added.

On November 30, 2007, the Examiner contacted the undersigned by telephone and proposed subject matter that would be allowable. On December 5, 2007, the Examiner and the undersigned discussed the claims further, and the Examiner explained that the above claims would be entered and allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for working with Applicants to come to agreement on allowable subject matter.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Support for new claim 121 is found, for example, in original claims 21 and 22.

New claim 122 corresponds to previously pending claim 36.

New claim 123 corresponds to previously pending claim 32.

New claim 124 corresponds to previously pending claim 33.

New claim 125 corresponds to previously pending claim 34.

Support for new claims 126-128 is found, for example, in original claim 21.

New claim 129 corresponds to previously pending claim 42.

New claim 130 corresponds to previously pending claim 43.

New claim 131 corresponds to previously pending claim 59.

New claim 132 corresponds to previously pending claim 63.

New claim 133 corresponds to previously pending claim 75.

New claim 134 corresponds to previously pending claims 33 and 75.

New claim 135 corresponds to previously pending claims 34 and 75.

New claim 136 corresponds to previously pending claim 111.

New claim 137 corresponds to previously pending claim 112.

Support for new claim 138 is found, for example, in previously pending claims 74 and 78.

Support for new claim 139 is found, for example, in original claims 21-23.

Support for new claim 140 is found, for example, in original claim 36.

Support for new claim 141 is found, for example, in original claim 32.

Support for new claim 142 is found, for example, in original claim 33.

Support for new claim 143 is found, for example, in original claim 34.

Support for new claim 144 is the same as for previously pending claim 75.

Support for new claim 145 is the same as for previously pending claim 75 and original claim 33.

Support for new claim 146 is the same as for previously pending claim 75 and original claim 34.

Support for new claim 147 is found, for example, in original claim 13.

Support for new claim 148 is found, for example, in original claims 21, 22 and 25.

Support for new claim 149 is found, for example, in original claim 36.

Support for new claim 150 is found, for example, in original claim 32.

Support for new claim 151 is found, for example, in original claim 33.

Support for new claim 152 is found, for example, in original claim 34.

Support for new claim 153 is the same as for previously pending claim 75.

Support for new claim 154 is the same as for previously pending claim 75 and original claim 33.

Support for new claim 155 is the same as for previously pending claim 75 and original claim 34.

Support for new claim 156 is the same as for previously pending claim 54.

Support for new claim 157 is the same as for previously pending claim 111.

Support for new claim 158 is the same as for previously pending claim 46.

Support for new claim 159 is found, for example, in original claims 21, 22 and 24.

Support for new claim 160 is found, for example, in original claim 36.

Support for new claims 161-164 and 166 is the same as for previously pending claim 118.

Support for new claim 165 is found in the specification, for example, at page 28, line 21.

Support for new claims 167 and 168 is the same as for previously pending claim 75.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

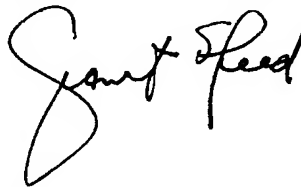
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection in the Office Action mailed January 25, 2007 have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all of the presently outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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